Demonstration Notice: Planned Demonstrations scheduled on May 13, 2016 in Paramaribo

Demonstrations take place in Suriname from time to time in response to world events or local developments. United States citizens should keep current with media coverage of local events and be aware of their surroundings at all times.

Please be advised that on Friday, May 13, 2016, from 10:00am, the police expect approximately 15,000 people to protest against the most recent price increase for electricity. The participants will march from Kerkplein, headquarters of the electrical company, to the National Assembly.

The U. S. Embassy recommends that U.S. citizens avoid the area during the demonstration and remain alert in the area before and after the demonstration.

For the latest security information, U.S. citizens living and traveling abroad should regularly monitor the Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs Internet website at http://travel.state.gov, where the current Worldwide Caution, Country Specific Information for Suriname, Travel Warnings and Travel Alerts can be found. Up-to-date information on security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or, for callers outside the United States and Canada, a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).